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SUBJ: JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION

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SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE INQUIRY, EMBOFF HAS EXPLAINED TO SPON-
FORS USG'S ATTITUDE CONCERNING FOUNDING OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA
ASSOCIATION. END OF SUMMARY.

1. REPRESENTATIVES (KOOFUKADA AND ISHIKAWA OF ASIA CENTER
OF JAPAN) OF SPONSORS OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION CAME
TO EMBASSY JULY 25 OSTENSIBLY TO BID FAREWELL TO DEPARTING
EMBOFF. PREDICTABLY, ISHIKAWA TOOK OCCASION TO INQUIRE ABOUT
US ATTITUDE TOWARD FOUNDING OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION.

2. NOTING THAT FONOFF HAD SAID THAT DCM WOULD BE CALLING
UPON AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR OKAWARA, ISHIKAWA ASK-
ED WHEN MEETING WOULD OCCUR AND WHAT DCM WOULD DISCUSS.
EMBOFF REPLIED THAT DCM WOULD CALL UPON OKAWARA JULY 26 ANDO
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WOULD EXPLAIN US VIEWS ABOUT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, JAPAN'S

RELATIONS WITH MICRONESIA AND JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION. ISHIKAWA SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM FONOFF THAT USG MIGHT WISH TO POSTPONE FOUNDING OF ASSOCIATION. WITHOUT DIRECTLY AFFIRMING OR BENYING ISHIKAWA'S COMMENT, EMBOFF EXPLAINED USG'S VIEWS TOWARD ASSOCIATION PER PARA THREE REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

3. ALTHOUGH USG HAS NO RIGHT TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION IN JAPAN, WILL COMMENT ON UNDERSTANDING YOU HAVE ASKED FOR USG'S VIEWS AS UN TRUSTEE FOR TTPI. IN PRINCIPLE, USG DOES NOT OBJECT TO FOUNDING OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION IN LONG RUN, ASSUMING ASSOCIATION WILL WORK IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS AND WILL SCRUPULOUSLY AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. IN LONG RUN AND AFTER FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION, USG WOULD HOPE TO DEVELOP CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, EXACT NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP WOULD DEPEND UPON ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES. AT ANY RATE US ACTIONS WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS. IF ASSOCIATION SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR USG TO MAINTAIN CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP.

4. ISHIKAWA THEN TOLD EMBOFF THAT IWATA, THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF ASSOCIATION, WOULD LEAD GOJ-SPONSORED AGRICULTURAL MISSION TO SOUTHEAST ASIA (NOT TO INCLUDE TTPI) DURING AUGUST AND THAT FURTHER PREPARATIONS FOR FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. WHEN EMBOFF DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS PROBE FOR OUR REACTIONS TO BRIEF DELAY IN PREPARATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION, WORRIED LOOK CAME OVER ISHIKAWA'S BROW, AND HE SHIFTED CONVERSATION TO DIFFERENT

SUBJECT.
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